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SUBJECT: ITU: WARC: POSSIBLE BLOCKING OF NEW PLAN BY
USSR AND CHINA

1. AS OF NOON MARCH 1, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT
AERONAUTICAL WARC WILL BE UNABLE TO AGREE ON NEW PLAN
PRIMARILY BECAUSE USSR, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, CHINA,
HAVE PRESENTED EXCESSIVE REQUIREMENTS WHICH THEY REFUSE
TO REDUCE. IN CASE OF SOVIETS, THEY HAVE IN FACT
INCREASED ALREADY EXCESSIVE REQUIREMENTS SINCE OPENING
OF CONFERENCE.

2. IT APPEARS USSR ACTIONS MAY REPEAT MAY BE AIMED AT
FORCING CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE WITHOUT A PLAN AND
FORCING ENTIRE ISSUE INTO 1979 WARC. ALTHOUGH PRC
REDUCED ONCE, THEIR REFUSAL TO REDUCE AGAIN, TO
REASONABLE LEVEL, IS LIKELY RELATED TO SOVIET REFUSAL TO
DO SO, AND THAT IF SOVIETS COULD BE BROUGHT TO REDUCE
REQUIREMENTS, CHINESE MIGHT FOLLOW SUIT.

3. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, USREP INTENDS TO DEAL WITH
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SOVIET AND CHINESE DELS (IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER
DELEGATIONS AS REQUIRED) DIRECTLY AND FIRMLY IN ORDER TO
TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO REDUCE THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS
U.S. AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE ALREADY DONE; AND
TO RAISE THIS MATTER IN SESSIONS OF COMMITTEES AND THE
PLENARY AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THIS CONFERENCE COMES
UP WITH A PLAN BEFORE ITS CONCLUSION, OR CLEARLY RECORDS

SOURCE OF PROBLEM.

4. FYI. CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE 5 (CHEF/France) AND OTHERS HAVE ASKED U.S. "TO TALK WITH SOVIETS" BUT U.S. HAS BEEN RELUCTANT UNTIL ALL U.S. POSITIONS OBTAINED. THEY NOW HAVE BEEN AND USDEL FEELS FREE TO BRING PRESSURE IN INTEREST OF FINALIZING PLAN. END FYI

5. SHOULD DEPARTMENT WISH TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER, PLEASE DO SO BY COB WASHINGTON MARCH 1. SORENSON

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